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Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows.

~~Cancelling claims 2 and 7 without prejudice and rewrite the claims to read as follows:~~

~~1. (Amended) A method comprising:
receiving a request from a first computer system for identification of a second computer
system;~~

~~retrieving a processor number that identifies a processor of the second computer system;
encrypting the processor number with a key associated with the first computer system to
produce a hash value; and~~

~~providing the hash value to the first computer system in response to the request.~~

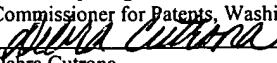
~~3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:~~

~~executing a processor instruction; and~~

~~retrieving the number in response to the execution of the instruction.~~

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